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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For stealing some wood from the New Post Office a Native was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks at the Magistrate's Court. Antonio Frezzini, an Italian, was fined \$25 for assault; while a native was also fined \$25 for infringing the rights of the Postmaster General by bringing letters into the Colony.

The Captain of the s.s. Paul Beau and an Indian Watchman were summoned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistrate's Court, with assaulting a watchman. It appears that the trouble arose through complainant saying that the defendant watchman had done him out of his job. The captain stated he was on the bridge at the time and when a boy told him of the row he went and ordered the men off the boat. The case was dismissed.

RESULTS OF FIVE YEARS AT PANAMA.

Complete statistics of the first five years—May, 1904, to April, 1909—of Uncle Sam's work on the Panama Canal are now available. In these five years there have been three different canal commissions, three chief engineers, and endless conflicts of expert opinion over the relative merits of the sea-level and the lock type of canal. The New York Tribune, summing up in an editorial column the most salient fact embedded in the Commission's statistics, reminds us that the two French companies whose work preceded that of the United States Government excavated 81,548,000 cubic yards in eighteen years of actual digging prior to 1904. Under American control the excavation in five years has amounted to 73,124,840 cubic yards, distributed among the different years as follows:

Year	Cubic yards
May, 1904, to April, 1905	648,911
May, 1905, to April, 1906	2,156,122
May, 1906, to April, 1907	6,715,554
May, 1907, to April, 1908	25,062,611
May, 1908, to April, 1909	36,542,650

The small showing for the first year is due to the fact that real construction work was not begun by the American engineers until more than a year after the United States took formal possession of the unfinished canal on May 4, 1904. That period was devoted largely to sanitary work and exploring. Now, however, the working force and the machinery have been brought up to what may be regarded as the fullest practicable efficiency. Therefore it is not to be expected, says The Tribune, that the rate of increase in excavation from year to year will be continued. What may look for is a continued rate of a little more than 3,000,000 cubic yards a month. This would dispose in less than three years of the estimated 101,641,746 cubic yards yet to be excavated. The time required for the actual completion of the Canal, however, depends upon the time needed for the building of the dams and locks, and as these structures are without precedent in the history of engineering, there are no data for determining their requirements.

Turning to the question of cost we read: Detailed statistics of expenditure are available down to February 1st, of three months less than the five years. The total to that date was \$93,916,627.78. Of this sum only \$80,122,448.05 went for actual engineering and construction work. Buildings cost \$8,787,502, sanitation \$8,064,962, municipal improvements in the Canal Zone \$4,000,497, civil administration \$2,618,739, and so on to an aggregate of more than one-third of the whole. Many of these non-construction expenditures were made once for all and will not recur, so that hereafter a large proportion of the appropriation will go for actual construction.

Public interest is centering on the forthcoming celebration of the first steam voyage ever attempted in American waters, viz., the famous trip of Fulton's 'Clermont' from the heights of that name on the Hudson, opposite the Palisades, to Poughkeepsie, which took place in 1807. In connection with the celebration the New York World has enterprisingly offered a prize of ten thousand dollars to the seaman who shall successfully navigate an air-ship of any kind over the same course as that followed by the 'Clermont' on the Hudson, to the starting point and back. A perfect replica of the 'Clermont' has already been built and has just been launched.

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rent and landing charges.
Goods per Carmarthen undelivered after this
date at 3 p.m. subject to rent.
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date at 3 p.m. subject to rent.

Tuesday, July 27:—

Goods per Delta not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per Benches undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

Wednesday, July 28:—

Goods per Inda Maru not cleared on
this date subject to rent.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c. at No. 75, Wyndham Street.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1909.

THE LORDS AND THE BUDGET

RATHER to our disappointment Ruter
has not followed up with further details
his message regarding Mr. Asquith's
threat to advise the Crown to create
new peers in order to secure the passage
of the financial proposals of the Liberal
Government through the Upper House.
As we pointed out the other evening
the immediate cause of the revival of the
conflict between the two Houses of
Parliament is, Mr. Lloyd George's
Finance Bill, which embodies the
provisions of a Budget that has met
with universal condemnation from the
leading commercial interests of the
Kingdom, as well as from other
sections of the community who form the
backbone of the country. Realising
that the security of capital would be
given a rude shock were the proposals
of the Chancellor of the Exchequer put
into force, influential gatherings of
business men in all parts of the country
have not hesitated to denounce the
Budget as unconstitutional in its
conception, and intended application.
And it would seem from the last
English papers to hand that the
Government itself feared that such an
indictment would be brought against it.
At any rate ever since the introduction
of the Budget the Administration has
been quaking in its shoes lest the very

precautions which they had taken to
achieve their ends should involve them
in a game of strategy "in another
place" with an unpleasant possibility
of being outwitted. The fact is that the
Government has, in its anxiety to
humble opposing interests, slightly
over-reached itself. It is another case
of counting one's chickens before they
are hatched.

In order to fully appreciate the
present position there are one or
two circumstances which should be
borne in mind. When such a muddle
was made of the Education question
that the Lords had no alternative but
to throw out the ill-constructed measure
sent up to them, a threat was made by
the Government that what they had
failed to achieve by legislation they
would enforce by administrative means;
in other words, that, as the House
of Lords had always refrained from
interfering with financial proposals,
the Minister for Education would
frame purely financial regulations in
order to pacify their Nonconformist
supporters. "And this is precisely what
happened. Church training colleges
were deprived of certain grants unless
they came into line with similar
institutions accepting the principle of
popular control. These regulations
were untouched by the Upper Chamber.
It was not surprising therefore when
the Government's ill-fated Licensing
Bill was brought forward that a similar
attitude should have been adopted, and
that Mr Asquith should have thrown
out a challenge to the Lords that should
they dare to reject the measure he
would secure his purpose by enforcing
a system of high licences. As we all
know, the Bill was vetoed and now we
see the sequel in the additional taxes
which are to be imposed on "the trade." All
this was very clever up to a certain
point, but now the question has arisen
as to whether in reality the Lords have
not the power to scrutinise and if
necessary, amend all Government
proposals, financial or otherwise. The
answer, it would appear, is that they do
possess the power, but that they have
so long refrained from wielding it that
it has almost fallen into desuetude.

The question of the hour is: Will
the House of Lords exercise a right
which has almost been allowed to lapse?
If so, it must precipitate a crisis in the
country's finances the effect of which it
will be difficult to compute, for of course
Mr Lloyd George has all along proceeded
on the assumption that the Upper
Chamber will do as it has always done
before and give the Finance Bill an
easy passage. But supposing Mr. As-
quith does have to carry out his threat,
where will he find a sufficient number
of politicians with such easy consciences
and supple backs as will enable them
to enter the House of Lords under such
ignominious conditions? We question whether
Peers created for such a purpose
would have much honour in their own
country, while as for the comments of
the Colonies upon their conduct and
that of their creator it would be both
scornful and to the point. Of course
it has long been apparent that the
present Administration will cling to
office as long as possible. It seems by the
record of the bye-elections that its days
will be numbered as soon as it appeals
to the country, and rather than plunge at
once into the pit of political extinction
which now yawns at its feet, it prefers
to threaten the Lords to the full extent
of its capabilities. But we rather imag-
ine that the Lords are made of stronger
stuff than to be frightened by the
blustering of Lloyd George, Winston
Churchill, and others of the young lions
whom Mr Asquith has admitted into his
Cabinet, and that is why we think the
outcome of the crisis will be the resig-
nation of the Cabinet. It must come
sooner or later, and the sooner that
Mr Asquith submits to his fate the
better it will be for the interests of the
Country.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The reason that Ahmed Mirza, the
thirteen years old lad, ascends the Throne
of Persia is that his elder brother's mother
is not a Ruler, or member of the Royal
clan, and therefore her son is not eligible
to succeed.

"Disgusted" writes us a letter protest-
ing against a certain public performance
now taking place in the Colony. We would
advise him to call the attention of the Chief
of Police to the matter, if things are as he
describes them.

One of two Greek prisoners extradited
from Singapore to Saigon jumped overboard
when nearing Saigon and swam the river.
A search was instituted and it was found
he had taken refuge in a tree. Hungry,
however, brought him down and he fell
into the hands of the police.

Special Sermons will be preached in
St. John's Cathedral on Sunday in aid of
the Missions to Seamen. The Rev. O. E.
Thompson, B.A., Chaplain of the Missions
to Seamen, will preach at Matine and the
preacher at Evensong will be the Bishop
of Victoria.

It is reported that H. E. Na Tung, the
acting Viceroy of Chihli, has telegraphi-
cally memorialized the Throne that from
enquiries made among the officials he finds
there has been no misappropriation of
public monies by Yuan Shih-kai or Yang
Shih-kiang, but that the accounts of the
Chihli Viceroyalty are in a most confused
state. They are being duly investigated.

At the conclusion of the distribution
of prizes on Tuesday last, His Excellency
General Sir Joachim Machado, K.C.M.G.,
expressed his intention of visiting the
Italian Convent and of having the oppor-
tunity to make himself personally
acquainted with the work of the institution
in all its branches. The Sisters are looking
forward to His Excellency's visit with
pleasurable anticipations.

The Yellow Dragon is once more with
us and while the literary matter contained
therein is above the average we can hardly
say the same with regard to the proof read-
ing. "We live in the days of hurry, rapid
communication, rapid transit and bustling
generally but when we read of Empire Day
1909 - well we are getting ahead somewhat!"
The tennis club seems to be in a flourishing
condition for the balance sheet published in
the Yellow Dragon shows a balance in
hand of \$29.21.

Japanese topics bulk fairly largely in
the last number of *L'Estimé Orient* now
to hand. There are some chatty notes on
Japanese political questions; some candid
criticism of recent events, including the
Sugar Scandal; reviews of the Japanese
financial situation for March; a note on the
proposed Anglo-Japanese Exposition in
London, etc. Among other articles are
short notes on China, the British Colonies
in the East, and on Indo-China; while G.
Corneau continues his story "Ti Ba," which
has an Annamite background.

Though Lieut. Shackleton has been
back in England but a short while he finds
in conversation with his companions that
like himself they are already tired of the
flying they are receiving and are ready
to return to the Antarctic. Speaking at
the Royal Societies' luncheon, Lieut.
Shackleton quoted the following lines in
explanation of the lure of the Unknown:
"They're wanting me, they are calling me,
the awful lonely places;
They are whining, they are whispering,
as if each had a soul;
They are calling from the wilderness,
the vast and God-like spaces,
The stern and sullen solitudes that surround
the Pole."

ALLEGED ASSAULT IN A
TOILET SALOON.

A Lander, manager of the Alexandra
Cinematograph, summoned the manager of
the Paris Toilet Co., before Mr. F. A.
Bazeland at the Magistracy to-day, for
assault and with using abusive language.
There was also a cross summons.

His Worship—Can you not settle this
matter?

Complainant—I asked him to apologise
but he would not do so.

His Worship—If I adjourn the case for a
week do you think you could settle it?

Defendant—I don't think so; I don't
want to settle it.

Complainant stated that the assault took
place in the defendant's saloon. His wife
went to have her hair dressed and when
complainant received the bill for \$3
or \$9 he complained to defendant that it
was excessive. Complainant said that it
was robbery, whereupon defendant assailed
him.

His worship said "robbery" was a strong
word to use.

Defendant said that complainant had
sworn at him in French.

Defendant was then sworn and said com-
plainant's wife had gone to have her hair
dressed prior to appearing at the Cinema-
tograph. Witness asked defendant why he
had struck out certain lines on the bill
which he had rendered. Witness said
that the bill ought to be \$4 more but he
had reduced it and complainant had said
his wife was not an American lady. Wit-
ness got angry and they struggled together.
Complainant would not retract his words.

His Worship said that both men were
in the wrong but the person most to blame
was the complainant because he was the
person who started the row by using the
word "robbery" which was absolutely
unjustified. At the same time defendant
had no right to lay hands on complainant
and the witnesses would be dismissed.
Both the complainant and defendant being
bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the
peace for one year.

KOREAN CROWN PRINCE
TO TRAVEL.

(Independent News Agency's Service to
the China Mail.)
Tokyo, July 22.

The Korean Crown Prince, accom-
panied by Prince Ito, his Senior Grand
Tutor, will leave Tokyo on the 1st of
August for a trip to the Hokkaido
provinces, where he is to study the
history and geography of the region.

KOMURA SEEKING
HEALTH.

WILL NOT COME TO
HONGKONG.

(Independent News Agency's Service to
the China Mail.)
Tokyo, July 22.

Count Komura, Minister for Foreign
Affairs, is voyaging to Nagasaki to
restore his health. It is expected that
he will return to Tokyo at the end of
the month. The rumour that his Ex-
cellency was going to Hongkong and
Shanghai is unfounded.

EUNUCHS AND OPIUM.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, July 22.

The Head of the Imperial Household
Department reports that several hundred
Eunuchs have abandoned the use of
opium.

TYPHOON SIGNALS.

The circular depression forming in the
low pressure trough S. E. of Hongkong,
noted by the Observatory on Thursday,
developed sufficiently by Friday morning
to render it advisable to hoist the black
South cone and drum. These were put up
at 11.45 o'clock and immediately prepara-
tions were made by the junk and sampans
people to go to seek shelter. Though too
early yet to speak with precision, it seems
that the area of depression is small and the
possibilities are at present in favour of its
passing us to Southward.

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN
AND MRS. F. A. BROWN.

Captain and Mrs. F. A. Brown, who are
leaving shortly for Nova Scotia, were the
recipients on Tuesday evening of a silver
kettle, stand, and lamp, a set of gold
buttons, and a silver mounted hair brush
for their son Max, by the members and
friends of the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai,
as a token of esteem and regard. The
Rev. R. Ellison presided over a very large
attendance and the Rev. W. J. W.
Anderson, M. D. of Fatham, made the
presentation.

Dr Anderson dwelt on the invaluable
services rendered by Capt. and Mrs. Brown
to the Wesleyan Church. He recalled the
fact that in the early days before the pre-
sent Chapel was erected a weekly follow-
ship-meeting used to meet in the house of
Capt. Brown. Dr Anderson also eulogized
the unbounded hospitality which had been
extended not only to lonely civilians in
Hongkong but also to numerous members
of the Army and Navy. Reference was
also made to the prominent part taken by
their departing friends in the Coffee Bar
opened in 1895, which now had developed
into the present Sailors' and Soldiers' Home
in Arsenal Street. In the inception and
development of the Home, Capt. Brown
had given ungrudgingly of his substance,
time and influence, while Mrs Brown had
endeared herself to all by her willing ser-
vice rendered week by week in the Tem-
perance meeting and the Sunday evening
Gospel meeting. In closing Dr Anderson
wished them God speed, and assured them
that in their life in Canada they would be
followed by the prayers of the congregation
and the blessing of the Triune God.

Dr Anderson also presented Mr. Brown
with a pair of beautiful drawn thread work
cushion covers in the name of Sewing Meet-
ing and later the Chairman announced that
some friends who had not been aware of
the presentation had handed to him several
sums to be conveyed to Captain Brown for
the purchase of books.

The inscription on the silver kettle was
as follows:—"A parting token of affection
presented to Capt. and Mrs. Brown by the
congregation and friends of Wanchai Wes-
leyan Church, Hongkong, and by the mem-
bers of the Wesleyan Mission, Canton,
July 21, 1909."

Capt. Brown thanked the friends on be-
half of his wife and himself and said how
he had been greatly encouraged by letters
which he and his wife had received from
many parts of the globe. These told how
the writers had been cheered and strength-
ened amidst the temptations and home-
sickness incidental to life in the East. To
know that he had helped his fellows was to
him a sufficient reward.

A musical programme was rendered by
Mr. Joughin, the Misses Baker, Mr. White,
and the Rev. R. Ellison, Mr. Pool acting as
accompanist during the evening.

TAKE A VACATION.

Now is the time to take a vacation, get
out into the woods and mountains
and visit the seashore. But do not forget to
take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic,
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you. It is almost certain to be needed,
and cannot be obtained on railroad, train
or steamship. It is too much of a risk
for anyone to leave home on a journey
without it. For sale by all chemists and
storekeepers.

THE CRETAN QUESTION.

STRONG EXCEPTION TAKEN
BY THE PORTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 22.

The Porte, replying to a Note from
the Powers protecting Crete, strongly
objects to the delay in the solution of
the Cretan question, and takes excep-
tion to the use of the expression
"supreme rights" instead of "sovereign
rights" of the Sultan in the
Note from the Powers.

The Porte reiterates that Greek
interference in Crete will not be
tolerated.

"DAILY MAIL" EMPIRE
CUP.

WON BY BATHURST
CIVILIAN CLUB.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 22.

The Cup presented by the "Daily
Mail" for rifle shooting on Empire
Day in the Colonies has been won by
the Bathurst Civilian Club with a
score of 808.

MALTA'S NEW
GOVERNOR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 22.

Lieut.-General Sir H. M. Leslie
Rundle, K.C.M.G., has been appointed
Governor of Malta.

[Note.—Lieut.-General Sir Leslie Rundle
entered the Royal Artillery in 1870 and in
the course of his career has seen service in
the Zulu War, the first Boer War, and
the Egyptian War, taking part in the Nile
Expedition of 1884-5, the Dongala
Expedition of 1890-1, the Khartoum
Expedition, 1898. At home he has com-
manded the S. E. District (1893-1900),
and the Aldershot Division. In 1907 he
was appointed Colonel Commanding R.A.
He has been decorated for services in
Egypt and the Sudan.—En. C. V.]

CLEMENCEAU'S DEFEAT.

GERMANY FEARS READVANT
OF DELCASSÉ.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 23.

It appears that the hostile vote in
the French Chamber of Deputies was
directed mainly against M. Clemenceau
personally. It is understood that the
new cabinet appointments will not
involve any change in the foreign
policy of France, though the German
press is giving expression to the fear
that M. Clemenceau's defeat will mean
the re-entry of M. Delcassé into public
life.

DEFFLINGER FLOATED.

APPARENTLY SUSTAINED
NO INJURY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 23.

The N.D.L. liner Defflinger, which
went ashore on The Needles, Isle of
Wight, has been towed off, apparently
uninjured. Two hundred and fifty tons
of cargo had been previously discharg-
ed.

The passengers passed an unpleasant
night, owing to the rough sea which
prevailed.

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THE JOHORE PIRACY.

THREE CHINESE SENTENCED
TO DEATH.

An Appeal.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Singapore, July 22.

Three Chinese have been convicted of
taking part in the piracy which took
place off Johore on Good Friday and
were condemned to death, but a point of
jurisdiction has been reserved for the
Court of Appeal.

One prisoner declared that he would
take the case before the court of the
next world.

COUNT KOMURA.

A BASELESS RUMOUR.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, July 22.

The report that Count Komura,
Minister for Foreign Affairs in the
Japanese Cabinet, was coming to Shang-
hai and would thereafter visit Hongkong
is quite unfounded.

"WIRELESS" AT
SHANGHAI.

PALACE INSTALLATION TO
COME DOWN.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, July 22.

At the demand of China, Sir John
Jordan, the British Minister, acting
through Sir Palham Warren, Consul
General, has informed the proprietors of
the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, that they
must remove the wireless installation
from the roof of their hotel. The
removal of the apparatus means a great
loss to shipping interests.

VICEROY CHANG'S
DEPARTURE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
Shanghai, July 22.

The C.M.S.N. Co's. steamer San Ming,
which recently conveyed Prince Tsai
Chen to Japan, leaves Shanghai for
Canton on the 23rd inst. for the pur-
pose of conveying Viceroy Chang to
Nanking.

NEW VICEROY OF
YUNNAN.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
Shanghai, July 22.

H.E. Li King-hi, the newly appoint-
ed Viceroy of Yunnan, left Wuhu on the
22nd en route to his new appointment.

CHINESE SHOT
BY JAPANESE OFFICER.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, July 22.

A Japanese officer on the island of
Taiwan fired at a Chinese official as he
was sitting in his Yamen. The shot
was preceded by the cutting off of the
Chinese's ear. The unfortunate man
has died from his wounds.

PAYING FEES FOR
STUDENTS IN AMERICA.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
Peking, July 22.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has
decided that students sent to America
from the various provinces which con-
tributed to the Boxer Indemnity, shall
be selected in proportionate numbers to
the amount which their Province paid
into the Imperial Treasury. The fees of
these students will be paid out of the
portion of the Indemnity which the
United States has remitted. One hun-
dred students per year will be selected
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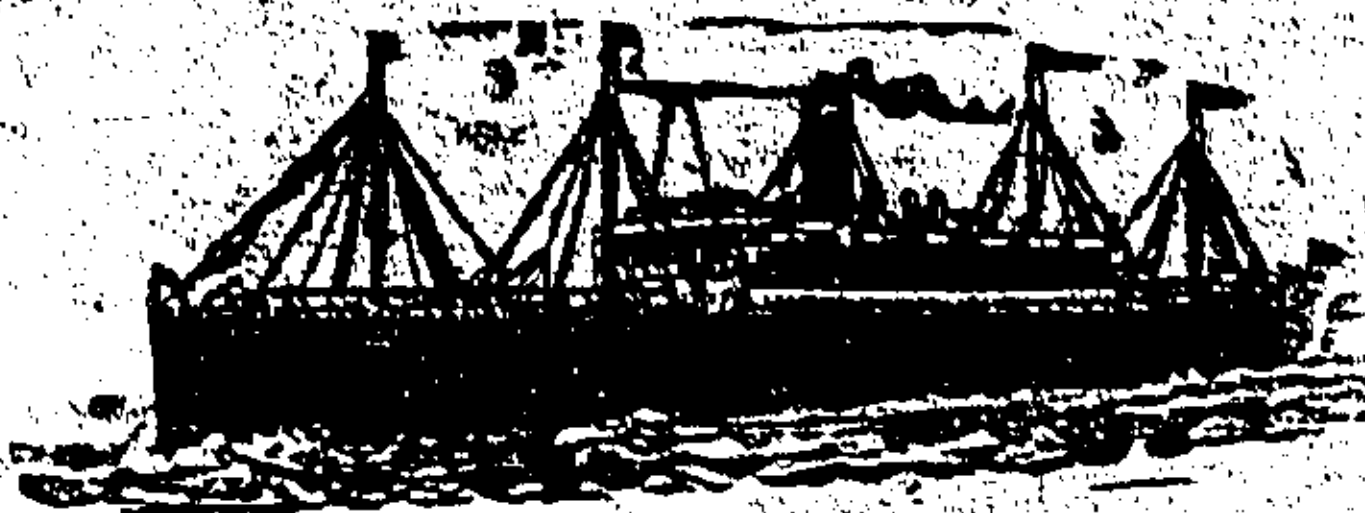
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